

Friday 6th September 2024



*Newly decorated KS1 bathrooms & changing room*

### **Campfest 2024**

The Campfest team have announced the total raised from this year's event was £2,431.82. This will be put towards school equipment and improving/replacing play equipment in the willow garden.

### **Start of the school day**

This year we have school assemblies starting at 9am each morning. To aid the smooth running of these the back gate and double doors will be closed just before 9am so staff and children can be in the hall ready to start at 9am.

The school day officially starts at 8:55am and children can arrive from 8:45am onwards.

### **Initial parent meetings**

On Wednesday 11th September we are having our initial parent meetings. These are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, find out about the class routines and some of the things they will be doing this year. Each teacher will be running two open sessions in their classroom at 5:30pm and 6pm. In Ash Class, the 5:30pm session will be a talk for our new reception parents about phonics and early reading and the 6pm session will be for parents of Ash Yr1s.

There is no sign up for the sessions, just come along to your child's classroom at 5:30pm or 6pm on Wednesday.

### **Harvest Festival**

Our **Friday 20th September** we will be having our Harvest Festival service in the church for children in Years 1 to 6 (St Thomas a Becket) at 1:15pm and we hope you can join us. The service will be led by Clair Southgate. As part of the service there will be a collection of long life harvest gifts, such as: tins, pasta, sugar, tea, coffee and nappies. These will be collected and taken to Bristol where they will be distributed by the 'Sisters of the Church' to the homeless and those in need in Bristol. Children should bring their harvest gifts in with them on the Friday morning to take to the church. The reception children in Ash Class will have their own celebration in the classroom.

### **Music lessons**

Music lessons for everyone who signed up are starting next week. Violin, woodwind, brass and keyboard lessons will be on Thursdays and guitar on Fridays.

### **Toilet refurbishment project**

We're delighted to share that over the summer break all the children's bathrooms and the cloakroom were refurbished, with new flooring, decoration and in some instances new sinks and urinals. The project has been funded from monies raised over several years by parents. We're very grateful for this and the children definitely appreciate these spaces being refreshed.



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## **School Diary**

### **Autumn 2024**

#### **Term 1**

w/b 09/09/24 - music lessons start  
11/09/24 - initial parent meetings at 5:30pm & 6pm  
20/09/24 - **Harvest Festival** 1:15pm in the church  
04/10/24 - **SDDay**  
22/10/24 - last day of term & parents' evening 3:40-6:40pm  
23/10/24 - **SDDay**

#### **Term 2**

04/11/24 - first day of term  
06/11/24 - individual photos  
07/11/24 - parents' evening 3:40-6:40pm  
11/12/24 - Nativity performances 2pm & 6pm  
17/12/24 - KS1 Christmas dinner  
18/12/24 - KS2 Christmas dinner  
20/12/24 - last day of term & Carol Service 10am in the church

#### **Term 3**

06/01/25 - **SDDay**  
07/01/25 - first day of term  
13/02/25 - KS2 tests meeting for parents 3:30pm  
14/02/25 - last day of term

#### **Term 4**

24/02/25 - first day of term  
24-26/03/25 - Yr 4 Braeside  
01/04/25 - parents evening  
03/04/25 - parents evening  
04/04/25 - last day of term

#### **Term 5**

22/04/25 - first day of term  
19-23/05/25 - Yr6 Jamie's Farm  
23/05/25 - last day of term

#### **Term 6**

02/06/25 - first day of term  
23/07/25 Leavers' service 2pm in the church & last day of term  
24/07/25 - **SDDay**